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## Foreign News.

### The War in Europe.

#### Continuation of the Fighting—Conflicting Reports of the Results.

Paris, Aug. 17.—There is no doubt that hard fighting has been going on since Sunday last, the French being engaged in a series of engagements, and the Germans in a series of engagements, as operations are carried on in a place where communication is difficult.

The telegraph wires having been cut, news necessarily comes forward slowly. This city is greatly agitated. All night long great crowds surrounded the Ministry of War, and all day long great crowds where news is posted. Many rumors are circulating, but with out official advice they lack confirmation.

Last evening the garrison at Strasburg made a sortie, but were driven back with heavy loss. They also lost three guns.

The Committee of the War, this morning say that the French General has sent word to the members of their country while thus engaged to know all the results gained. Besides it would be inconsiderate to give particular details, which might prove to be premature. The government will be faithful in its promises, and will communicate the important news as soon as ascertained.

Other Paris journals have articles similar to these.

New York, Aug. 17.—A telegram to the *Courrier des Etats* this morning states that the battles of Sunday and Monday were fought between Metz and Verdun, and that the French sustained a loss of 10,000 men, and that the Germans lost 15,000.

The *Courrier des Etats* also says that General Trochon has arrived at Châlons; numbering two hundred thousand.

Paris authorities do not confirm this news.

London, 17.—From a Paris state that the Emperor's active military forces are at Châlons. The main body of the French army is concentrated at Etain, about 12 miles east northeast of Verdun and 76 kilometers from Châlons.

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The Department of War has just received news from the army, which continues to carry out the movement combined after the brilliant combat of Sunday night. Two divisions of the enemy sought to intercept the French march and were repelled. The Emperor has arrived at Châlons, where he is organizing a large force.

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